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SUMMARY: THIS PRESENTS REVIEW OF POSSIBILITIES FOR
OFFICERS OF MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION WITH DELEGATES TO IMCO MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY RECENT SESSION OF MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE, AND WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICERS, HAS FURTHER CLARIFIED THINKING ON MEMBERSHIP OF BUREAU OF MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER.

2. DEARTH OF SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE PENDING INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS IN NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, AT CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETING, FEBRUARY 12 - MARCH 2, MANY PARTICIPANTS IMPRESSED WITH PERFORMANCE OF AUSTRALIAN REP, KEITH BRENNAN, WHO IS AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND AND LIKELY LEADER HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE. HE IS PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS H. R. BARDARSON, DIRECTOR.

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TOR OF SHIPPING OF ICELAND, A LONG- TIME IMCO HABITUE,
AND CHAIRMAN OF IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHING VESSELS.
BARDARSON SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF IMCO ASSEMBLY IN
OCTOBER 1969 AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF OCEAN DUMPING MEETING
HELD IN REYKJAVIK IN APRIL 1972.

3. A TOTAL OF 20 VICE PRESIDENTS IS CONTEMPLATED, WITH
SELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES BASED ON
GEOGRAPHY, LANGUAGE AND IDEOLOGY. SUGGESTION IS FOUR
FROM AFRICA (ENGLISH- FRENCH- AND ARABIC- SPEAKING AND
ONE OTHER); FOUR FROM ASIA (JAPAN, CHINA, INDIA,
PAKISTAN); FOUR FROM LATIN AMERICA (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL,
CHILE, CUBA); TWO FROM NORTH AMERICA (CANADA, MEXICO);
FIVE FROM EUROPE (FRG, GDR, FRANCE, POLAND, USSR); AND
ONE OTHER. IF PRESIDENT OR THE CHAIRMEN OF PRINCIPAL
COMMITTEES ARE NATIONALS ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES, REPS
OF OTHER COUNTRIES MAY BE PROPOSED AS VICE PRESIDENTS.

4. COMMITTEE I. LINDENCRONA OF SWEDEN APPEARS CONSEN-
SUS CHOICE AS CHAIRMAN.

5. COMMITTEE II. SPINELLI OF ITALY HAS SUPPORT FOR
CHAIRMANSHIP. SPINELLI WAS ELECTED VICE- CHAIRMAN MARI-
TIME SAFETY COMMITTEE BY ACCLAMATION AND HAD APPROVAL
HIS GOVERNMENT IN PERSON OF DR. L. DE LEON, MINISTRY OF
MERCHANT MARINE AND HEAD OF ITALIAN DEL TO MSC (REFTEL A
PARA 4). PRESUMABLY GOI WOULD ALSO SUPPORT HIM AS
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE II. VAN CRAEYNST OF BELGIUM ALSO
ACCEPTABLE AS CHAIRMAN OR AS VICE CHAIRMAN.

6. COMMITTEE III. LAKEY OF US CLEARLY ACCEPTABLE AS
CHAIRMAN THIS COMMITTEE IN VIEW HIS WORK IN CONNECTION
WITH HAZARDOUS CARGOES.

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7. COMMITTEE IV. SENTIMENT SEEMS FAVOR BROCH OF NORWAY AS CHAIRMAN BUT BOTH MASLOV OF USSR AND SONDAAL OF NETHERLANDS ALSO ACCEPTABLE. MISS VILLAMIN OF PHILIPPINES APPEARED NOT TO BE VIEWED WITH MUCH FAVOR FOR THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, SEE PARA 9 BELOW. (IN UNRELATED CONVERSATION MISS VILLAMIN TOLD US THAT MANILA GOVERNMENT IS IN STATE OF DISARRAY AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PHILIPPINE EMBASSY OFFICERS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES AND OTHER MEETINGS ARE NOT BEING RECEIVED. SHE WAS NOT SURE THAT GOP WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE).

8. DRAFTING COMMITTEE. FEELING IS THAT UK AS HOST COUNTRY AND PROTECTOR OF THE MOTHER TONGUE SHOULD HEAD THIS COMMITTEE, WITH FRENCH SPEAKER AS VICE CHAIRMAN.

9. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. OPINION IS THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRY SHOULD GET CHAIRMANSHIP OF ONE OF COMMITTEES AND THIS ONE APPEARS LOGICAL CHOICE. MISS VILLAMIN WAS MENTIONED FAVORABLY IN THIS CONNECTION AND IF SHE ATTENDS CONFERENCE AND WANTS OFFICE SHE PROBABLY WOULD BE SELECTED.

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